

# GOOD GOODS STORE!

Is the Way we Heard Ourselves Described  
The Other Day.

We carry only good goods, and the customers who bought once come again and again. You can't ask for better proof of the advantage there is in buying from us.

In Dry Goods Department.---Friday and Saturday.

## Table No. 1. WAISTS.

\$2.50 waist for \$2.00 } Cheaper than you can buy  
2.00 waist for 1.65 } goods and make them.  
1.00 waist for 79c }

## Table No. 2. TOWELS.

20c towels for..... 15c  
10c towels for..... 7½c

## Table No. 3. SKIRTS.

Skirts for less than any store in Vinita can sell them to you.

## Table No. 4. COUNTERPANES.

100 x 125 inches for..... 85c  
85 x 90 inches for..... 69c  
75 inches..... 55c

## Tables No. 5-6. UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' vests worth 35c at..... 25c  
Ladies' drawers worth 35c at..... 25c

## Table No. 7. CALICOES.

5c calicoes at..... 4½c  
Special leader calicoes at..... 3½c

## Table No. 8. UNDERWEAR.

Children's underwear..... 10c garment

## CAPES.

Never mind how or why we do the extraordinary things occasionally. You profit by it and it is to your benefit, so we know that you'll be satisfied with this explanation.

Capes that other stores ask \$1.50 for..... \$1.00  
\$2.50 capes for..... 2.00  
7.00 capes for..... 4.00

## CLOTHING.

You can run a dollar to death in our clothing department. It buys more goods here than any place in the territory.

Boys' boots worth \$1.25 and 1.50 for..... 74c  
Boys' boots worth \$1.50..... 98c  
Boys' duck coats worth 90c..... 74c  
Men's duck coats worth \$1.25..... 97c  
Men's hats worth \$2.00 selling at..... \$1.49

REMEMBER this is only a partial list of what we have in store for the good people of Vinita and vicinity.

REMEMBER THAT

## W. R. BADGETT MERC. COMP'Y

Is the Greatest Store in Vinita for  
Good Goods at Low Prices.

We Want All the Produce in the Territory.....  
.....And Will Pay Highest Price, Cash or Trade.

## BADGETT'S!

**LOOK** out for our Great Guessing Contest; see small bills for full particulars. Ask for one of them at our store, if you fail to get one on the street. Don't fail to look out for it.

### Indian Chieftain.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.  
\$1.50 Per Year, or \$1.00 if Paid  
in Advance.

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The Tablequah Arrow sarcastically remarks that council has not done much, but is doing all it can.

As the coming session of congress lasts but three months, the Indian Territory may escape serious notice.

With the crib bursting with corn and pens full of fat hogs, the average farmer is very well satisfied with present conditions.

Neosho, Missouri, has a splendid telephone system, and the monthly rents are a dollar and a quarter a month each, for office and residence.

A general sigh of relief will go up from thirty thousand Cherokees when the national council at Tablequah gets through and goes home.

A Vermont lawyer sent to a client a bill containing the following item: "For waking up in the night to think over your case, 50 cents."

The early adjournment of the Cherokee council is of vastly more consequence to the Cherokee people than statehood, either with or without Oklahoma.

An ice plant and water works are the two things most needed in Vinita in the way of public improvements. We should have both before the roses of the 20th century bloom.

The metropolitan press continues to locate the Osage nation in the Indian territory, and for the twentieth time we desire to correct the impression. The Osage country is in Oklahoma.

The Katy is laying its track through the territory with heavier steel. The grade in many places is to be widened, and thousands of new ties are being put in to replace rotten and faulty ones.

Judge Thomas has issued an order directing all administrators and guardians who have not reported to the court as required by law to do so at once, or the penalty of the statute will be invoked.

Mayor Sheehan's Thanksgiving proclamation and request to business men should be carefully read and observed. It is splendidly composed, terse, and reflects credit upon the head of our municipal government.

The only thing that would ever satisfy the Purcell Register is single statehood. The esteemed Register has longed this great consummation to those many years and refuses to be comforted. The case of the Register is a sad one and calls loudly for sympathy.

It is to be hoped that this year a precedent may be established and that all places of business be closed at 10 o'clock in accord with the mayor's request, and thus demonstrate that the people of Vinita are patriotic enough to obey the spirit of the proclamation.

With an efficient system of water works, Vinita property owners would be in a position to demand, not only a reduced rate of fire insurance, but also a uniform rate. At present our risk is considerable and the rate more than correspondingly high. Our defense is water works.

A consensus of opinion seems to be that allotment in the Cherokee nation will not be an accomplished fact inside of three years from this date. Another year at least will be required to complete the census and two years will be consumed in reapportionment and pro rata divisions.

There is some talk of arranging a Christmas entertainment to be given exclusively by the pupils of the school. In case the teachers would prepare such a concert it would certainly be largely attended and would give the parents a better idea of the splendid progress that is being made in the schools.

The town of Vinita is now up against the proposition whether we are to have water works or not. There are towns in the territory that could be named, that would have had water works long ago had they our artesian wells. This city ought to close a contract for an efficient system of water works before the end of the year.

Col. Pliny L. Soper's statehood plan would be all right from a republican standpoint if it was not for one thing. Soper figures the territory without the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations as being solidly republican. The northern district

is as solidly democratic as is Missouri or Arkansas, and will so demonstrate it the very first election.

It might be just as well for some of the territory "fellers" not to count too strongly upon munching pie until their Uncle Mark Hanna gets through making up his program of places for the sons of the stars to whom he is under obligations, and who would not be adverse to having their hopefuls billeted in fat, cozy offices in this part of the nation.

The bible has been barred from the public schools of Chicago. It is the greatest text book extant, and the business, or professional man who don't know the bible has neglected a branch of his education that is indispensable. There are more bibles printed and sold than any other book. It ought to be taught in every school in the United States.

In the coming election for school director the Chieftain believes, as it has always believed and advocated, a selection should be made entirely independent of national politics. No good can possibly come to Vinita by drawing party lines. Our schools are for the whole people, and politics should have no place in their management. Give us an independent, non-partisan school board.

If the lovers of gridiron sport in Vinita are compelled to depend upon bringing football teams from other cities here to play, why do they not organize an eleven of their own? Surely there are a sufficient number of active young men here who are husky enough to break the rhines and ribs of the players of any city who would have the temerity to come to Vinita and contest a game.

The dictate of common sense is to abolish all the useless and supernumerary salaried offices in the Cherokee government. No office should be continued a day after its usefulness expires. There is neither patriotism nor sense in clinging to the old wreck of tribal government after the United States government has taken charge and proposes to pay expenses. Abolish the useless offices and save expense.

The esteemed Claremore Progress is disturbed over what it calls the Vinita public muddle. This city and Claremore can not be compared in this respect. Vinita has more than 400 pupils enrolled

in her public schools, and the only muddle at the present time is how to properly handle them with the present force of teachers. The Vinita school board will take care of the schools, and no backward step will be taken.

A telephone line is soon to be constructed from Vinita to Tulsa. A bill granting the franchise passed the lower house of the national council a few days ago and will doubtless become a law. This is an important matter, and directly concerns Vinita. We now have telephone connection in every direction with the exception of out the Frisco line west. We want, and must have connection with Chelsea, Claremore, Tulsa and other good towns on the west of us. Let the line to Tulsa be built at once.

### THE CHEROKEE COUNCIL.

The national council is still in session at Tablequah, but is attracting little or no attention from the Cherokee people or from others. There was never a session in the history of the Cherokee nation where so much apathy prevailed. There is of course little that could be accomplished, and certainly there is no occasion for enthusiasm or excitement. The sale of the \$4,000,000 claim is attracting some little desultory attention, but there is no probability that anything will come of it at this time. A delegation to Washington will of course be provided for with the usual appropriation for attorneys fees, etc., and that appropriation will be about as large as its promoters think it safe to make it to escape being held up by the president. The Cherokee nation is now getting a much needed rest on the subject of allotment, and citizenship and kindred subjects. We have at last reached a point in the way where, for a moment at least, our burden may be put down for a brief time. All things are working in the one direction of tribal dissolution and no one seems sorry unless it be the tribal office holder.

### COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

The people of the Indian Territory care very little whether Inspector J. George Wright takes up matters of importance with the head of the interior department at Washington or not. When he, or the secretary of the interior or anybody else, comes to the conclusion that it is "inexpedient" to collect tax from the cattle introduced into the territory, while the

hay shippers and poorer classes are made to line up and pay or be evicted he at once becomes discredited and loses influence with every lover of justice and fair play in the whole country. The Chieftain has stood for the collection of all the revenues due the Cherokee nation under the law, but if the law cannot be uniformly enforced it ought to be repealed. The best element among both citizens and non-citizens stood by Mr. Wright and the interior department in their endeavors to carry out the law, and to make good the pledges of the government to the Indians, but the government through its agents in the territory have shown a lamentable lack of ability and have thus lost caste with the masses. The people of the Indian Territory are not unreasonable, and most of them understand conditions here far better than any man who has not been in this country long enough to get in touch with the people.

There is a wood and coal famine in every town in all this Indian country on account of the bungling order of the inspector, while vast herds of cattle have roamed unmolested over the prairies of the five tribes without the payment of a farthing of revenue to the Indians, the owners of the land and its product, the grass.

### THE STATEHOOD CONVENTION.

Every newspaper published in the territory, as are nine-tenths of the people, is opposed to a union with Oklahoma as a single state. The reasons for the opposition of every person having the true welfare of the territory at heart have been set forth from time to time in the Chieftain.

From present appearances the convention called by the Oklahoma agitators and politicians to be held at South McAlester will be a failure. Many of the Oklahoma papers, even, are opposed to the scheme. The Guthrie Leader of a recent date says:

"From all appearances the statehood convention at South McAlester on December 10 will not have a very large attendance from Oklahoma. Most Oklahomans believe that statehood including the Indian territory at this time is impractical and that agitation will not be of any special use."

This is followed by the South McAlester Capital with the observation:

"If it should so happen, as now seems probable, that the convention should be a fizzle in point of

attendance as well as effect, we want the country at large to understand fully that the convention was not of our seeking and that the honor of entertaining the convention was thrust upon us so that South McAlester will in no wise be accountable for its failure. As is shown by the statement of the Leader, there are plenty of men in Oklahoma who do not think it a wise thing to do, and the promoters are going to have as hard a time securing active delegates from Oklahoma as they will from this territory. The call for the convention expressly states that no person is to participate in the selection of delegates other than those who are in full sympathy with the movement and only ardent single states should be selected as delegates. So we very much doubt if a respectable number of delegates can be secured to chase the ignis fatuus of single statehood."

### POLITICAL SLATE FIXED.

Telepathy—it is little understood by me. Yet there certainly was an occult something or other that found its starter in Washington, D. C., entered my mind and permitted me, without glasses, to see the crew of the Ship of State seated about an ebony table smoking the most fragrant of Manila fillers and sipping aguadiente fresh from Porto Rico, soured just a little with the juice of a lemon from the Isle of Guam.

I could also hear their conversation. There was Mac at the Mark, Cortelyou and Charley Dick. The other members of the crew were in the forecastle.

The occasion was the taking of a day off by the administration to discuss Indian Territory affairs. I first became interested when the slate of appointments reached Vinita and the information was whispered that Butler, Our Butler—the efficient and popular—was to be ousted for political expediency.

I protested and my protest had its effect.

"I must find a place in the territory for a disturbing fellow in my congressional district," said Dick. I suggested that he be sent to New Mexico where he would likely be killed.

To New Mexico the fellow will go.

"Uncle Leland is politically dead," said Mr. Hanna, "and shall we let Soper live?"

As the gentlemen turned to me I said: "Let him live that the good men leave after them shall never perish from the territory." Soper still lives and he is good

for another four years.

"I want and must have a place for Mellette," asserted Mac.

As they still seemed to depend upon me for advice I drawled: "Give him a judgeship in Thomas' place. The latter has shown himself to be honest and fearless and we politicians don't like him in consequence. If not that, there are many incompetents whose salary Mr. Mellette could draw with grace and whose positions he would certainly better fill as he is a man of ability and learning."

Mack put his name on the slate.

"How about Darrrough?" Dick enquired.

"Well," I answered, "he certainly deserves something. He has done much for the party and has held the smutty end of the political stick long enough."

Darrrough's name was put down opposite a good, fat, juicy office where an easy chair and a roller top desk is in evidence. Then it was arranged that Judge Gill should not be disturbed in his judicial seat.

When it was insinuated that Deputy Clerk Chandler would not be promoted I was so disgusted that I woke up.

### Large Office Descriptions.

Large office descriptions are painfully common. Too often men allow their wives and children to come to America, where they expect to be received with open arms, and the latter discover that the husband and father has, in the interval, attached himself to nettle more attractive, and the deserted ones are deported. Like cases occur with the aged, and these are truly pitiable. When the old people become a burden to the children in Europe, they are sent with scant ceremony to their children here. The latter are perhaps too selfish to have regard for the old folks, and too often they are deported, perhaps only to be shuttled back again within a few months. One old woman was shuttled across four times within a year, barred out on both sides of the water, and died at sea, homeless and friendless, with children in both continents prosperous and well able to make her declining years at least peaceful and calm.—Ainslee's Magazine.

### Peach Tonic.

Put a layer of sliced and sweetened peaches in a deep glass dish, and cover this with a thick layer of sponge cake crumbs. Pour over this a soft, rich custard while yet warm, reserving the whites of two eggs, to which add two tablespoonsful of white sugar, and beat until perfectly stiff. Spread this over the top of the custard, and keep on ice until time to serve.—Ladies' World.

### Immigrant Plants.

Plants, like animals, are continually wandering to fresh fields and pastures new. Prof. Baileman finds that at the present flora of Ohio no less than 430 are immigrants. Almost all are from Europe.—Scientific American.

### THE SCIENCE OF TRAVELING.

Opportunities Offered by the Train Lines to a Man Who is Wide Awake.

"There are ways and ways of traveling," remarked a Philadelphia man whose business keeps him on the road a good deal, particularly between his own town and New York, relates the Washington Star. "It used to be that when I wanted to go over to New York, or rather was compelled to go, for I never wanted to, I took the first train going that way and went. But I don't do that way any more, simply because I have learned a better way. You know every trunk line has other roads connecting with it—that is, not as part of it, but using its tracks for their own trains. For instance, the Pennsylvania has a Chesapeake & Ohio train over it to New York and an Atlantic Coast line from the south by way of Washington; then, there's Pittsburgh & Port Wayne from Chicago, and a Pan-Handle from Cincinnati, each and every one coming out of a different territory, in all of which I have business interests. There is, in addition to these trains, the usual and regular Philadelphia trains, local and otherwise, all going to New York and all good enough, but not all to suit me at all times. Sometimes I want to see somebody from Kentucky or Virginia, or from Georgia, or the Carolinas, and instead of getting on any old train out of the Broad street station, I wait for a Chesapeake & Ohio or an Atlantic Coast line, and going through the sleepers I am always sure of finding some southerner or other who can tell me what I want to know."

If I want to post myself on Cincinnati and Ohio, I take the train from the south or west, and I always find what I want. It used to be dull riding when I didn't know any better than to take a local train loaded with my own kind of people, but under the present system my trips are not only pleasant little excursions into the south or west, but they are frequently valuable to me in the pointers I pick up. The same opportunities are afforded in other cities for travelers to get trains that mean something more than merely getting there to their destination, but I'll venture not one traveler in 50 thinks of it, and it goes breakneck for the first train that leaves the station.

### Small Cucumbers.

Cut small cucumbers, leaving a bit of the stem on each. Drop into boiling water, let boil five minutes, then take out into cans with a skimmer. Drain off all the water. Put a teaspoonful of salt and two or three peppers into each can and fill up with hot, strong vinegar and seal. We do not venture for this recipe, but it may be tried by those who would like to simplify the work of pickle-making.—Detroit Free Press.

### Peach Sherbet.

Make a rich shortcake after any preferred recipe and place between the layers sliced peaches, sprinkled with sugar and covered with whipped cream. Beat whipped cream over the top of the cake and dust with powdered almonds.—Ladies' World.

### Cold Sugar Slurp for Fruit Less.

Dissolve two cupfuls sugar in one pint of cold water. This is the ordinary sugar slurp of thirty-two degrees used for fruit less. It makes one quart of slurp.—Ladies' Monthly.